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FIRE DANGER PREPARATIONS

Southern California is currently experiencing moderate to high fire conditions with high temperatures, low humidity, dry vegetation, and Santa Ana winds, resulting in a "red flag warning" issued by the National Weather Service this morning. Such weather conditions are expected to continue through Monday, October 27, 2003. The LACoFD has established its augmented staffing, which includes predesignated Engine Strike Teams in high-risk areas (e.g., Malibu, Santa Clarita). Extra fire patrols and water tenders have also been established for these areas. LACoFD waterdropping helicopters stand ready in all areas of Los Angeles County, and the Superscooper fixed wing aircraft are available. Additionally, all LACoFD firefighters are on "telephone standby."

BRUSH FIRE ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR LACOFD

Grand Prix Incident in Fontana, California

LACoFD has sent three Camp Crew Strike Teams and 21 overhead personnel to this brush fire. "Region 1" has sent 10 various Engine Strike Teams and has requests for five more. Of these additional five Strike Teams, two will be from LACoFD.

Roblar Incident in Camp Pendleton, California

LACoFD has sent two Camp Crew Strike Teams, one Bulldozer Strike Team, and 14 overhead personnel to this brush fire.

Piru Fire in Ventura County

LACoFd has sent one helicopter, two Camp Crew Strike Teams, and eight overhead personnel to this fire, which continues to burn on State Responsibility Area towards the Los Padres National Forest.

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If you have any questions, please call me.

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